

## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

BIENHAUS et al.

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Art Unit: 1634

Application No.: 09/558,038

Examiner: Arun Chakrabarti

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 101614-00001

For: SYSTEM FOR RELEASING AND ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS

AMENDMENT AND FEE TRANSMITTAL

Director of the U.S. PTO  
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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 26, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

- A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is attached.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	36 MINUS	35	=1
INDEP CLAIMS	3 MINUS	3	=
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADD'L FEE	RATE	ADD'L FEE
x 9	\$	x 18	\$18
x 43	\$	x 86	\$
+145	\$	+290	\$
	\$		\$18

- A check in the amount of \$18.00 is attached for the extra claim fee.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge and deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 101614-00001.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice:

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